Gallery director Mark Read with the horse-and-girl painting bought for R5 400 by Harry Oppenheimer's daughter, Mary Slack

Judge pads up to take over from Peter Hain

By PETER MALHERBE

A SUPREME Court judge will replace anti-apartheid activist Peter Hain as the guest speaker at next week's South African Cricket Players banquet.

Two weeks ago Mr Hain refused to apply for a visa to enter South Africa to be the guest speaker at the function.

Now Mr Justice Pat Tebbutt, of Cape Town, who is also a leading sports commentator, will speak at the function in Johannesburg on Thursday.

The Rolex Cricketer of the Year, to be announced then, will receive the biggest prize ever awarded to a cricketer in South Africa — an 18-carat gold watch worth R24 000.

He will have been voted the best by more than 150 top-class cricketers.

Awards will also be made to the year's leading umpire, media personality and "unsung hero".

Mr Eddie Barlow, one of the organisers, said the association was pleased with the boost in sponsorship this year.